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Official publication listing recipients of Kent State University's 2025 Alumni Awards, including Dr. Gene W. Poor's induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame for Professional Achievement. This prestigious honor recognizes graduates who have demonstrated exceptional distinction, leadership, and influence in their professional fields.

Dr. Poor was selected for his pioneering contributions to animatronics through LifeFormations, his authorship of multiple influential books, and his decades-long impact as an educator and founder of the Visual Communication Technology (VCT) program at Bowling Green State University. His work has shaped creative industries, inspired students nationwide, and advanced the fields of entrepreneurship, visual communication, and lifelike robotics.

The included pages document three of the ten 2025 inductees, including Dr. Poor's official recognition as one of the year's distinguished alumni.

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Kent State University 2025 Alumni Award publication recognizing Dr. Gene W. Poor's induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame for Professional Achievement.

ALUMNI Awards

Kent State University recognizes and honors Golden Flashes who, through leadership, character and hard work, have made exceptional contributions in their chosen profession, in their communities and at Kent State. Sponsored by the Kent State Alumni Association, the Alumni Awards are highly prestigious honors presented each year to outstanding alumni, staff and students.

2025 Alumni Award Recipients

Kent State is proud to recognize these esteemed recipients, who exude excellence and represent the best of Kent State and their communities in all they do.



Commander Reji Kurien Thomas, MTEC '03, Ph.D.

2025 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

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Judge Kira Krivosh, '05

2025 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient

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Gene W. Poor, '66, M.Ed. '68, Ph.D.

2025 Professional Achievement Award Recipient

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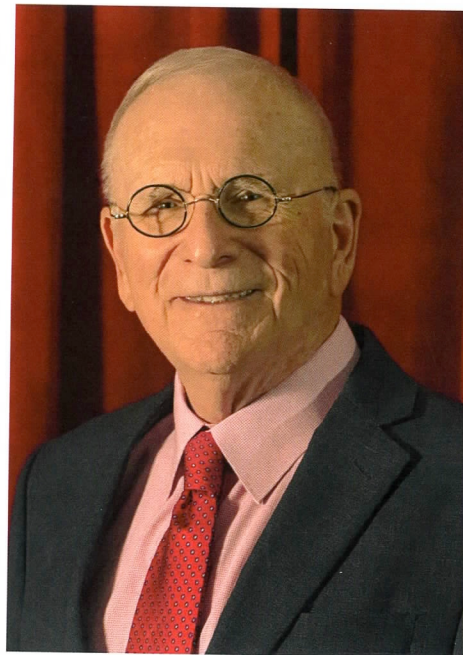
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Professional Achievement Award

Gene W. Poor, '66, M.Ed. '68, Ph.D.

Gene Poor, '66, M.Ed. '68, Ph.D., is a celebrated educator, entrepreneur, author and speaker whose legacy spans both academia and industry. Inspired by mentors at Kent State, Gene transformed early academic struggles into a lifelong mission of mentorship. He went on to become the Endowed Scott Hamilton Professor of Entrepreneurship at Bowling Green State University, where he shared his knowledge with students for more than 20 years. He also founded LifeFormations, a globally recognized animatronics company featured at Disney, Universal Studios and other venues. His innovative spirit inspired other students to succeed, and his generosity continues to impact future entrepreneurs. Honored by both Kent State and BGSU, he has earned numerous accolades, including multiple Hall of Fame inductions. For Gene, the most meaningful work has always been in the possibilities. His story is a testament to the power of mentorship and determination.



To read Gene's extended biography, please scan this code or visit <https://flashes.info/alumniawards>.